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Docket No.: CL-10271  
Application No.: 10/813,188  
Amendment Date: December 27, 2006  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 and has canceled claims 4 and 9 to more clearly set forth the present invention. Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks and arguments.

**Section 103 Rejections:**

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsor (U.S. Patent No. 5,463,274, hereinafter "Winsor"), in view of Vollkommer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,470, hereinafter "Vollkommer"), and in view of Takagi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,376,986).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to expedite the prosecution of this application and to bring it to allowance, Applicant has amended claim 1 by including the limitations of claim 4 therein. Further, Applicant has amended claim 6 by including the limitations of claim 9 therein. Applicant believes that claims 1 and 9 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Applicant believes that Claims 1-10 are now in condition for allowance. Because of this, Applicant requests a timely Notice of Allowance.

If any fees, including extension of time fees are due as a result of this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0513. This authorization is intended to act as a constructive petition for an extension of time, should an extension of time be needed as a result of this response. Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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